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Should all councils have a digital connectivity champion?

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What we'll cover

1. Creation of a 'digital champion' role
2. Setting the scene in SHWD
3. Audience poll results
4. What can a digital champion do?
5. Working with local bodies
6. Project Gigabit and beyond



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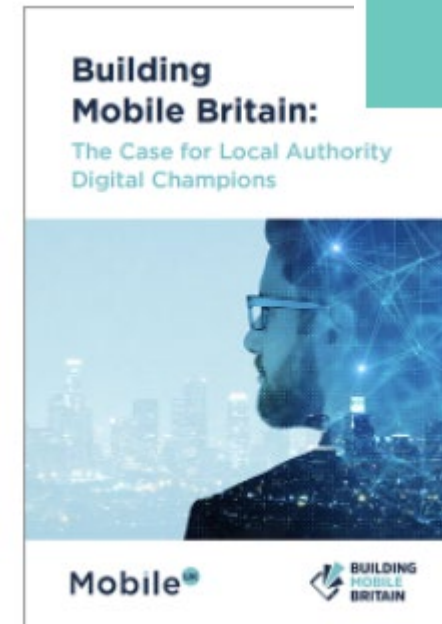
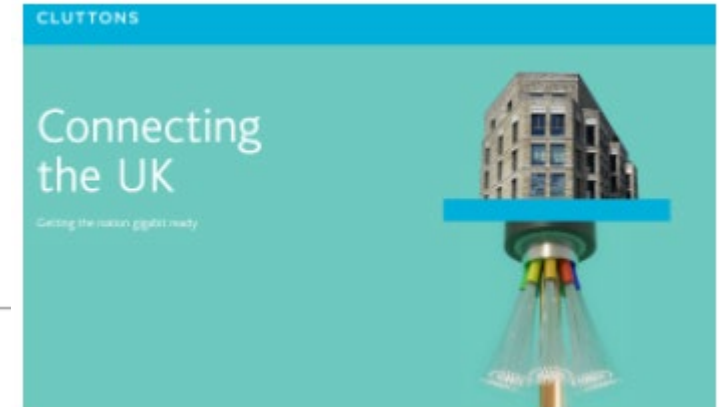


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1. Creation of digital champion role

- Role created a year ago
- Building support
- Governance – whose in charge
- Moving beast with Project Gigabit



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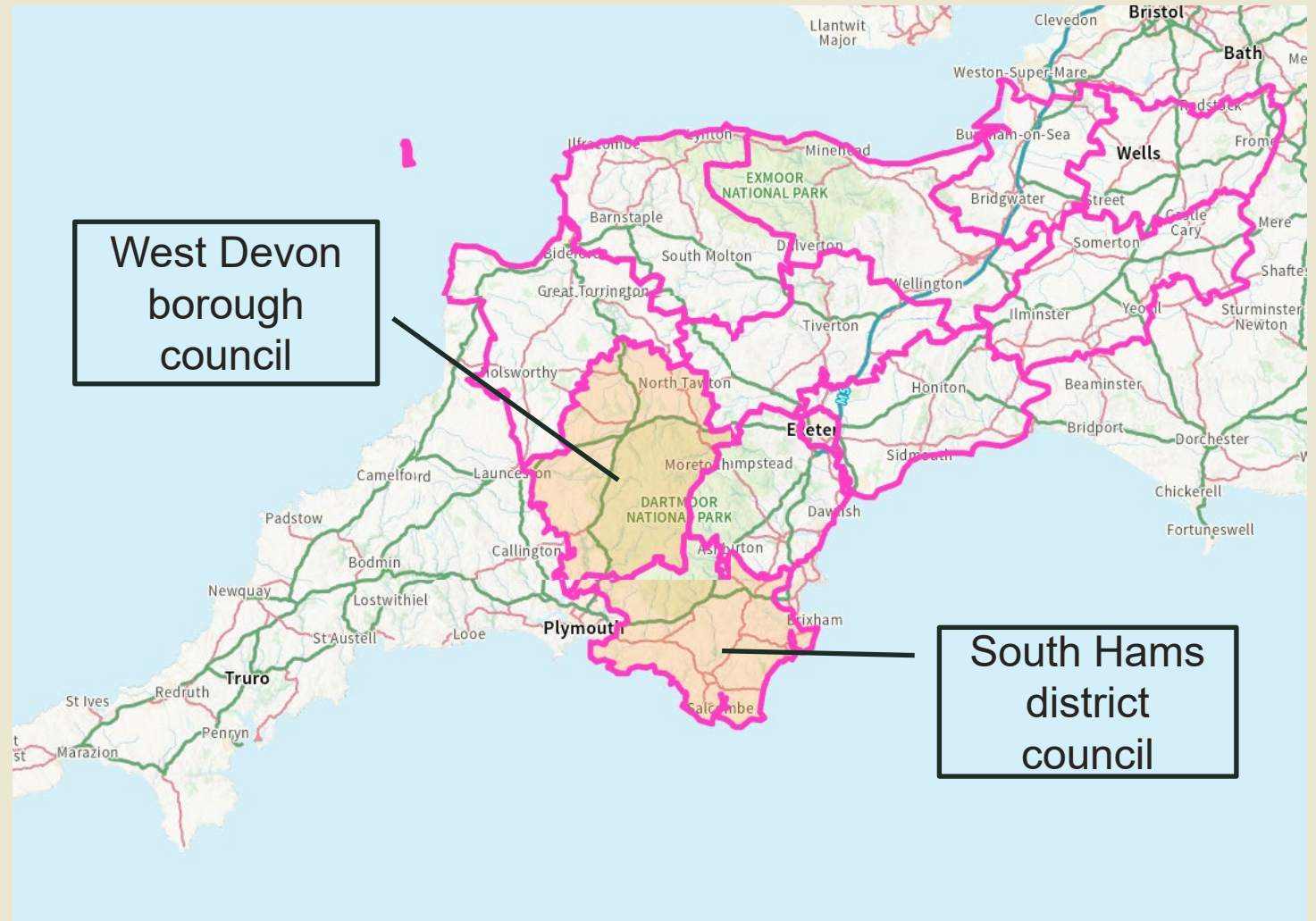


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2. Setting the scene

- Local body CDS
- Airband public contracts
- Openreach, Jurassic and City Fibre
- 7 fixed wireless companies



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3. Audience poll results

- Do you have someone in your organisation specifically looking at digital connectivity?
- Do you feel your local body (the public organisation responsible for improving broadband) works collaboratively with you?
- Question for local bodies only - Do you feel your lower tier councils works collaboratively with you?



4. How can a digital champion help?

- Understanding coverage of our area


Connected Nations

Our annual report on progress in the availability of broadband and mobile services in the UK, including the newest full fibre and 5G networks



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4. How can a digital champion help?

- Build relationships – local body and suppliers
- Working with suppliers to support infrastructure – poles and masts



4. How can a digital champion help?

- Signposting information on council webpages
- Building database of demand
- Interactive online tool to be launched



Gigabit Vouchers

Vouchers worth up to £1,500 for homes and £3,500 for businesses are available to help to cover the costs of installing gigabit broadband for people experiencing slow broadband speeds in rural areas.

You may be eligible for a Gigabit voucher if:

- You live in a rural area
- Your download speed is less than 100mbps
- You are not already part of a fibre rollout

[Click here to see if you are eligible for a Gigabit Voucher.](#)

Are you eligible for a Gigabit Voucher? *

Yes No

Universal Service Obligation (USO)

If you are eligible for a Gigabit Voucher it may mean you are also eligible for a voucher from the Universal Service Obligation.

The vouchers are worth £3,400 for homes and businesses and in some cases can cover the total cost of bringing fibre to your area.

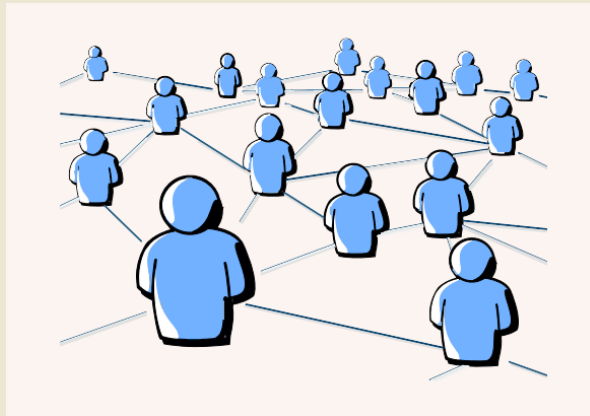
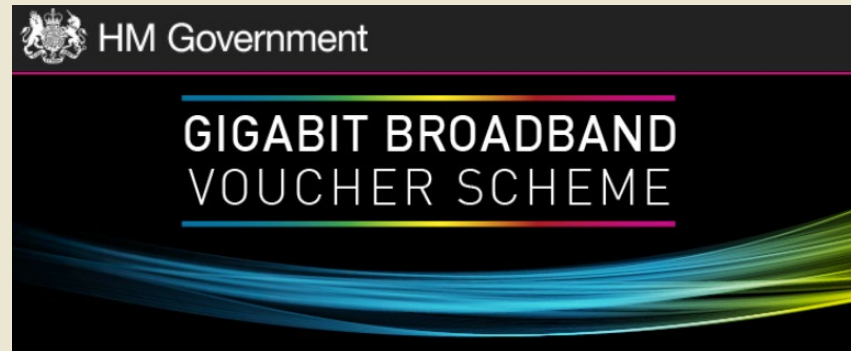
You may be eligible for the USO scheme if:

- Your download speed is less than 10Mbps and upload speed less than 1Mbps (this is the government definition of decent broadband)



4. How can a digital champion help?

- Recruiting volunteer broadband champions



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4. How can a digital champion help?

- Bringing digital connectivity to front in DM policies
- Understanding legislation on digital infrastructure
- Sharing asset details with mobile providers

Policy

The Neighbourhood Plan will seek on site infrastructure to support the installation of, and allow the future upgrade and maintenance of, fibre optic broadband technology.

- i. All development is required to submit a connectivity statement to set out the proposed broadband provision. The statement shall include which broadband supplier(s) can provide full fibre or fixed wireless coverage to the development to provide gigabit capable broadband provision.
- ii. On sites of 10 dwellings and over and on all non-residential sites, all new properties must be served with an appropriate open access gigabit capable fibre optic infrastructure to enable high speed and reliable broadband connection in accordance with national and local objectives to increase coverage.
- iii. On sites of under 10 dwellings all new properties shall be served with an appropriate open access fibre optic infrastructure to enable high speed and reliable broadband connection unless there is evidence which demonstrates that providing the required infrastructure is not feasible or economically viable.
- iv. Installed infrastructure should allow all premises that form part of the approved development to access superfast or better broadband prior to occupancy.
- v. The creation of a building to act as a fibre hub to enable fibre connections within the area will be supported



5. Local bodies



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Superfast broadband should be available

Multiple Features Selected (2/2)

Status:
Superfast broadband should be available

Notes:
Please see detailed information on Superfast broadband providers below

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Change map

Map legend

- Served
- Served - Community Fibre Scheme
- Planned
- Planned - Community Fibre Scheme
- Seeking Solution

Key to the map

Your house is represented by a green dot

Your house is under a green shaded area

Your house is represented by a yellow dot outside of the shaded areas

Your house is represented by a blue dot outside of the shaded areas

6. Project Gigabit and beyond

- DCMS running the OMRs and so will hold the latest data set – we are lobbying them to ensure this data can be shared with ALL levels of local government organisations.
- But Project Gigabit will not focus on those with sub 30 or even sub 10Mbps, just ensuring each area reaches 85% FTTP
- Will DCMS accept suppliers plans for expansion – and remove them from future procurements. If the expansion does not go as planned who will pick up the prems left behind?
- Anticipate small pockets of the very hard to reach prems not being covered





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Any questions?

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